PSUs in accordance with the investment policies evolved by respective Boards of Management under the guidelines of the Government. The investments were made under powers delegated by the Board.

LPG Distribution Centres in West Bengal

3730. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of LPG distribution centres, district-wise in West Bengal; and

(b) what is the criteria for the opening of LPG distribution centres ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) 228 as on 1-1-1993.

(b) LPG distributorships are opened at places with a population of 20,000 and above, in a phased manner, subject to product availability, provided the location offers adequate potential to sustain an economically viable distributorship.

Decanalisation and dual Marketing of Kerosene, LPG and Diesel

3731. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) by when decanalisation of the import of kerosene and LPG dual marketing are likely to start;

(b) whether it is a fact that the dual marketing for diesel is also likely to be introduced; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Kerosene and LPG have already been allowed to be imported by private entrepreneurs. Time by which import of these products under parallel marketing may start will depend upon the initiative and efforts of private entrepreneurs.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal.

Sanctioned Quota of Kerosene for Bihar

3732. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that kerosene in Bihar is used for lighting and cooking as well as for running pumps for irrigation purposes;

(b) whether it is a fact that kerosene quota of Bihar is much less than that sanctioned to other states;

(c) whether it is also a fact that population of Bihar is more than 10 per cent of the total population of the country whereas its quota of kerosene is even less than 6 per cent;

(d) if so, whether Government would supply kerosene to the State in accordance with its demand immediately; and

(e) by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Kerosene is used for both lighting and cooking purposes.

(b) to (e) SKO is a deficit product in the country. Allocation to States are made on historical basis. Due to constraints of import capacity and foreign exchange, it has not been possible to increase the allocations to States/UTs and rationalise per capita consumption of SKO in various States.

Oil and Gas Exploration Programme

3733. SHRI MATANG SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the progress in oil and gas exploration programme during Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of programme finalised for oil and gas exploration during the

Eighth Five Year Plan period, year-wise with details of financial investment in public, private and foreign investment separately along with the projected production targets;

(c) the details of international assistance (World Bank, Asian Development Bank etc.) so far committed for the oil and gas exploration programme; and

(d) the details of time bound programme for international bid for all types of wells and the policy modifications; if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) During the 7th Five Year Plan (1985-90), Geological reserves of 1536.83 million tonnes of oil and oil equivalent of gas (O+OEG) were established.

(b) Eighth Plan programme includes 2-D seismic surveys of 113,845 SLK, 21720 GLK and 93000 LK and 3-D seismic surveys over 42,843 Sq. Kms. and exploratory drilling meterage of 3042 thousand metres. The projected accretion of geological reserve is 1325 MMT (O+OEG). Projected production level of crude oil in the terminal year of the Eighth Plan (1996-97) is of the order of 45 million tonnes.

The total outlay approved for ONGC and OIL is Rs. 18574 crores.

(c) While the bulk of World Bank and ADB assistance is for development projects, the World Bank had committed US $ 140 million to OIL's programmes in the VII Plan, including exploration programmes for which an amount of about Rs. 140 crores would be drawn down in the VIII Plan period.

(d) 12 medium sized and 41 small sized oil and gas fields have been offered for development by private companies, the last date for submission of offers of which is 31st March, 1993. 45 blocks have also been offered for exploration of oil and gas in the Fifth Round of Bidding in which the last date for submission of bids is 30th June, 1993.

Supply of surplus Gas from Bombay High

3734. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the centre has decided to divert the surplus gas from Bombay High to the Southern States;
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(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government have committed the Northern states to allocate gas from the offshore gas fields close to the Gujarat Coast; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) The concept of laying a pipeline from the Western offshore to the Southern region, based on surplus gas after meeting the requirements ex-Hazira and ex-Uran, has been approved in principle.

CBI Raid at the Residence of the Group Manager of ONGC

3735. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether CBI has completed its investigation in respect of raid conducted at the residence of the Group Manager, ONGC in 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of premises including the lockers searched and the items recovered;

(d) what are the details of allegations/charges made against the Group Manager; and

(e) what action has been taken in the matter ?